



One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

September 23, 2021

Mr. Kashyap P. Patel

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Dear Mr. Patel:

Pursuant to the authorities set forth in House Resolution 503 and the rules of the House of Representatives, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (“Select Committee”) hereby transmits a subpoena that compels you to produce the documents set forth in the accompanying schedule by October 7, 2021, and to appear for a deposition on October 14, 2021.

The Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations. This inquiry includes examination of how the federal government prepared for and responded to the events of January 6, 2021, as well as actions taken on January 6 by various government officials.

At the time of the attack, you served as chief of staff to Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller, a position President Trump appointed you to on November 10, the day after he replaced then-Secretary of Defense Mark Esper.¹ Prior to your appointment, you served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Counterterrorism at the National Security Council.² Based on documents obtained by the Select Committee and published accounts, there is substantial reason to believe that you have additional documents and information relevant to understanding the role played by the Department of Defense (“DoD”) and the White House in preparing for and responding to the attack on the U.S. Capitol, as well as documents and information related to your personal involvement in planning for events on January 6 and the peaceful transfer of power.

According to documents provided by DoD, you were involved in discussions with senior DoD officials regarding planning for security at the Capitol on January 6, 2021 and responding to events that followed the attack.³ In addition, you were quoted by a reporter as saying that you were talking to the President’s chief of staff, Mark Meadows, “nonstop that day.”⁴ Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks both documents and your

¹ Helene Cooper, Eric Schmitt, & Maggie Haberman, *Trump Fires Mark Esper, Defense Secretary Who Opposed Use of Troops on U.S. Streets*, N.Y TIMES (Nov. 9, 2020), <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/09/us/politics/esper-defense-secretary.html>; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, *DOD Statement on Personnel Changes at the Pentagon* (Nov. 10, 2020), <https://www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Releases/Release/Article/2411893/dod-statement-on-personnel-changes-at-the-pentagon/>.

² U.S. DEP’T OF DEFENSE, *Kashyap P. Patel, Esq., Former Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Defense*, <https://www.defense.gov/About/Biographies/Biography/Article/2418491/kashyap-p-patel/>.

³ Documents on file with the Committee.

⁴ Adam Ciralsky, “*The President Threw Us Under the Bus*”: Embedding with Pentagon Leadership in Trump’s Chaotic Last Week, VANITY FAIR (Jan. 22, 2021), <https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/01/embedding-with-pentagon-leadership-in-trumps-chaotic-last-week>.

deposition testimony regarding these and other matters that are within the scope of the Select Committee's inquiry. It is also alleged that you were considered for other positions during the last two months of the Trump Administration, and you may have knowledge of other planning or activities relevant to the Committee's inquiry.

A copy of the rules governing Select Committee depositions, and a copy of document production definitions and instructions are attached. Please contact staff for the Select Committee at 202-225-7800 to arrange for the production of documents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bennie G. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Bennie" on the top line and "G. Thompson" on the bottom line.

Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman